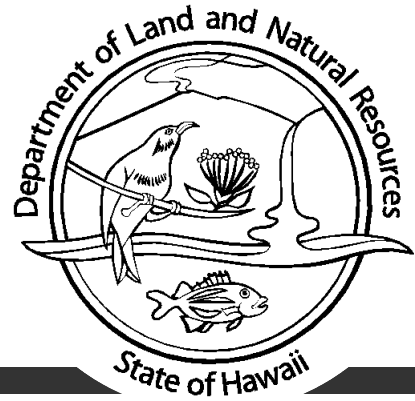


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SOUTH LANIKAI BEACH RENOURISHED THROUGH PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 23, DLNR and the City and County of Honolulu will hold a press conference to announce the completion of an initial beach nourishment project at Lanikai Beach, O`ahu. The demonstration project added new sand to the southernmost end of Lanikai beach where sandbags had temporarily been used to protect homes and beachfront property from continued erosion. The project was a joint effort of several agencies and the Lanikai community to help restore sand to the shrinking coastline of one of the island's most beautiful and popular shorelines.

The conference will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Lanikai Beach, between Pokole Way and A`ala Drive (see directions below) where the demonstration project took place. Sam Lemmo, DLNR coastal lands manager and a representative from the City and County of Honolulu's will conduct the conference.

Lanikai Beach has suffered from sand loss over the past few decades which has severely narrowed the 1 1/2-mile long shoreline. The loss of Hawai'i's sandy beaches is a major social, economic and environmental problem, which has affected nearly 25%, or 17 miles, of O`ahu's beaches, including Lanikai.

This project is part of DLNR's overall effort to develop strategies to protect and enhance Hawai'i's beaches through its new Coastal Lands Program.

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****NOTE:** Still photos (in a digital format on disk) will be available which show the 'before and after' results of the beach replenishment project.

Directions: Follow Kalaheo Avenue east toward Lanikai and continue as it turns into Kawailoa Road. Go past Kailua Beach until the road becomes A`alapapa Drive (one way). Continue on A`alapapa for 8 blocks and turn left onto Pokole Way. Park alongside the road and follow the beach access way to the beach between Pokole Way and A`ala Drive.